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MINNESOTA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACTIVITY

		CHANGE FROM			
		March 1984		April 1983	
	April 1984	Number or Amount	Percent	Number or Amount	Percent
Aid to Families with Dependent Children					
Families (Cases) Receiving Payment	51,462	- 13	*	2,379	4.8%
Children	93,429	- 98	- 0.1%	4,464	5.0%
Caretakers	57,085	- 157	- 0.3%	2,470	4.5%
Total Net Payments	$20,569,051	-$855,402	- 4.0%	$1,354,195	7.0%
Average Grant Per Family	$ 399.69	-$ 16.52	- 4.0%	$ 8.21	2.1%
Average Grant Per Person	$ 136.66	- 5.44	- 3.8%	$ 2.83	2.1%
Emergency Assistance					
Families Receiving Payment	944	91	10.7%	83	9.6%
Persons Receiving Payment	3,295	335	11.3%	379	13.0%
AFDC Persons Receiving Payment(a)	2,387	366	18.1%	414	21.0%
Total Net Payments	$ 380,085	$ 79,396	26.4%	$ 82,203	27.6
Average Payment Per Family	$ 402.63	$ 50.12	14.2%	$ 56.66	16.4%
Supplemental Security Income					
Persons Receiving Payment	29,866	177	0.6%	1,065	3.7%
Total Net Payments	$ 4,660,632	$ 21,082	0.5%	$ 720,572	18.3%
Average Grant Per Person	$ 156.05	-$ 0.22	0.1%	$ 19.25	14.1%
Minnesota Supplemental Aid					
Persons with SSI	8,663	- 51	- 0.6%	99	1.2%
Persons without SSI	1,448	112	8.4%	- 118	- 7.5%
Total Net Payments	$ 1,177,680	$ 14,888	1.3%	-$ 5,109	- 0.4%
Average Grant Per Person	$ 116.48	$ .78	0.7%	-$ 0.28	- 0.2%
General Assistance(b)					
Cases Receiving Payment	18,373	3,777	25.9%	8,328	82.9%
Family Cases	1,086	154	16.5%	498	84.7%
Persons in Family Case	2,955	432	17.1%	1,215	69.8%
Single Cases	17,287	3,623	26.5%	7,830	82.8%
Total Gross Payments	$ 4,426,069	$830,199	23.1%	$2,041,787	85.6%
Avg. Grant Per Family Case	$ 381.15	-$ 18.37	- 4.6%	-$ 36.88	- 8.8%
Avg. Grant Per Family Person	$ 140.08	-$ 7.50	- 5.1%	-$ 1.19	- 0.8%
Avg. Grant Per Single Case	$ 232.09	-$ 3.82	- 1.6%	$ 5.96	2.6%
Total Net Payments	$ 3,917,904	$742,654	23.4%	$1,816,837	86.5%
TOTAL FOR CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS					
Persons Receiving Payment	202,978	4,058	2.0%	16,891	9.1%
Total Net Payments	$30,705,352	$ 2,618	*	$3,968,698	14.8%

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		CHANGE FROM			
		March 1984		April 1983	
	April 1984	Number or Amount	Percent	Number or Amount	Percent
Medical Assistance					
Total MA-Only Persons	63,884	6,615	11.6%	17,902	39.2%
Total Persons Concurrently Receiving SSI or MSA	23,530	2,148	10.0%	3,299	16.3%
Total Persons Concurrently Receiving AFDC(a)	93,757	18,721	24.9%	24,362	35.1%
Total Net Payments	$ 89,547,893	$12,349,294	16.0%	$20,129,838	29.0%
Average Payment Per:					
MA-Only Person	$ 850.06	$ 26.16	3.2%	-$ 111.35	-11.6%
SSI/MSA Recipient	$ 865.46	-$ 5.20	- 0.6%	$ 18.34	2.2%
AFDC Recipient	$ 158.69	$ 6.78	4.5%	$ 41.26	35.1%
General Assistance Medical Care					
Total GAMC-Only Persons	9,768	1,822	22.9%	4,399	81.9%
Total Persons Concurrently Receiving GA	11,295	3,403	43.1%	6,865	155.0%
Total Net Payments	$ 4,636,373	$ 941,196	25.5%	$ 2,337,549	101.7%
Average Payment Per:					
GAMC-Only Person	$ 220.19	-$ 1.30	- 0.6%	$ 3.46	1.6%
GA Recipient	$ 220.06	-$ 25.15	-10.3%	-$ 36.19	- 14.1%
TOTAL FOR MEDICAL PROGRAMS					
Persons Receiving Payment	202,234	32,709	19.3%	56,907	39.2%
Total Payments	$ 94,184,266	$13,290,490	16.4%	$22,467,387	31.3%
TOTAL FOR CASH AND MEDICAL PROGRAMS COMBINED					
Persons Receiving Payment	276,630	12,495	4.7%	39,272	16.5%
Total Payments	$124,889,618	$13,293,108	11.9%	$26,436,085	26.9%

(a) Excluded when calculating the total persons for all programs.
(b) Includes post-closing persons and cases.
*Less than 0.1%.

PROGRAM NOTES

Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) Total expenditures of $20,569,051 in April represent a decline of $855,402 (-4.0%) over March 1984. The lower expenditures resulted primarily from an increase in IV-D refunds of $583,094 and reductions in supplemental and initial payments of $262,016. The largest decrease occurred within the Regular segment, which dropped $775,315 (-4.5%) compared to a drop of $80,087 (1.9%) for Unemployed Parents.

Cases remained relatively stable, with only 13 fewer cases paid. Paid Unemployed Parent cases fell by only 99 (-1.2%), and the bulk of these (-79, 80.0%) were in the suburban counties. The downturn in Unemployed Parent cases at this time reflects the beginning of the seasonal effect on employment. In contrast, Regular cases rose by 86 (0.2%). The increase occurred solely within the urban counties, which reported a +147, whereas the suburban and rural counties reported declines of 8 and 53 respectively.

Emergency Assistance (EA) Greater activity in the category of Utilities caused this program to advance during April. This occurred because needy families were seeking assistance to erase outstanding utility bills which accumulated during the heating season. They were prompted by the spectre of electrical shutoff, which could legally occur after April 1.

A total of 3,295 persons were aided during the month. This was 335 (11.3%) higher than March and 379 (13.0%) greater than one year ago. The emergency of Utilities alone represented 1,768 persons or 53.7% of those served. The number of recipients in this category rose by 467 (35.9%) from March, although its impact was partially curtailed by a decline in the category of Eviction.

County agencies reported that 944 families required assistance during April. This was 91 (10.7%) higher than the previous month. This increase occurred entirely within the AFDC segment, which rose by 96 families or 15.8%. This AFDC increase occurred within the category of Utilities, which reported 95 (37.1%) additional AFDC families.

Monthly costs totalled $380,085 during the month. This was $79,396 (26.4%) higher than recorded in March and $82,203 (27.6%) more than one year ago.

The category of Utilities alone accounted for the monthly program advance with its growth of $79,863. AFDC families predominated, accounting for $145,963 (75.3%) of the Utility payments. The urban counties reported the largest increase, which totalled $50,812 for an additional 38 families. Ramsey County led the change with a $38,767 (112.9%) advance for AFDC families. The other county types reported significant increases, too, specially the rural counties, which expended $15,819 (87.4%) more for AFDC families and $7,431 (72.9%) more for non-AFDC families. The suburban counties, by comparison, experienced an AFDC increase of $5,341 (79.0%) coupled with a stable non-AFDC expenditure of $14,749 (+$459).

Minnesota Supplemental Aid (MSA) This program continued to advance nominally during April, with recipients numbering 10,111 and expenditures totalling $1,177,680.

The number of recipients was 61 (0.6%) higher than March's level, with the increase primarily in the Disabled category, which grew by 46. All county types reported increases: rural 20, urban 16, and suburban 10. Within the

urban counties, Hennepin (+10) and Ramsey (+11) contributed to the monthly growth. The changes in the other county types were broadly based, with no county reporting significant changes.

Expenditures of $1,177,680 are nearing the program high of $1,182,790 set in April of 1982 and give indication of future record-setting performance. The monthly expenditure change of $18,241 (2.0%) is attributable to higher initial payments in the urban counties, in particular Hennepin ($18,647) and Ramsey ($8,238), which correspondingly affected net payments in these counties by $22,064 and $7,189 respectively.

General Assistance (GA) The total number of persons receiving GA for April 1984 was 20,242. This was 4,055 (25.1%) more than March 1984 and 9,045 (80.8%) more than April 1983. The average grant (gross dollars) per person for April 1984 was $218.66. This was $3.49 (1.6%) less than March 1984 and $5.72 (2.7%) more than April 1983.

Application activity increased compared to March. The number of applications received was 14.2% higher and the total applications on hand increased by 14.7%. The number of applications disposed of increased by 17.7% to 6,666. Of these, 5,805 (87.1%) were approved.

The 5,805 cases added in April brought the total cases eligible to 25,707. This was an increase of 7.7% compared to March. Payments were made for 18,178 (70.7%) of the eligible cases. There were 3,657 cases closed which left 22,050 eligible cases continued to May.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
(excluding Food Stamps)

Month and Year	Total Persons	Total Payments	Average Payment Per Person
April 1983	237,358	$ 98,453,533	$414.79
May	243,692	115,031,203	472.04
June	236,816	97,019,062	409.68
July	242,207	99,433,560	410.53
August	244,259	102,078,990	417.91
September	245,784	102,446,617	416.82
October	258,620	114,656,507	443.34
November	253,218	108,011,878	426.56
December	254,504	107,802,053	423.58
January 1984	255,845	109,218,301	426.89
February	261,767	111,957,087	427.70
March	264,135	111,596,510	422.50
April 1984	276,630	$124,889,618	$451.47
May 1983 through April 1984	Average 253,123	Total $1,304,141,386	Average $429.35
		Average $ 108,678,449	

FOOD STAMPS

Month and Year	Cases	Persons	Allotments	Average Allotment Per Case
April 1983	97,167	248,850	$8,849,600	$96.02
May	89,580	241,866	8,554,617	95.50
June	88,151	238,007	8,563,195	97.14
July	86,007	232,219	8,229,342	95.68
August	86,479	239,547	8,081,753	93.45
September	85,386	236,519	7,907,535	92.61
October	86,167	232,651	8,053,188	93.46
November	89,913	242,765	8,207,161	91.28
December	91,029	245,778	8,346,804	91.69
January 1984	90,940	245,538	8,530,744	93.81
February	92,038	248,583	8,506,030	92.42
March	92,842	250,673	8,570,331	92.31
April 1984	91,570	247,239	$8,393,892	$91.67